

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES SYNOPSIS
June 8, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.
COAAA Building
3776 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43207

Call to Order

8:40 a.m.

Present

Commissioners: Jeff McNealey, Michael S. Brown, Rob Dorans, Dave Paul, Karla Rothan, & Mataryun Wright

Staff: Tony Collins, Steve Aumiller, Eric Brandon, Brandi Braun, Stephanie Brock, Ralonda Hampton, Brendan Kelley, Terri Leist, Jason Nicholson, Mollie O'Donnell, John Oswald, Councilmember Jaiza Page, Phil Rollins

Guests: Robert Grinch and Bob Harmon

Previous Board Meeting minutes

On a motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Paul the May minutes were unanimously accepted.

Old Business

NCH Agreement

Director Collins reviewed the Nationwide Children's Hospital lease agreement with the Commissioners.

- This is being presented today so the Commissioners have time to review it and come back with any questions they may have. Neither council nor the Mayors office has reviewed this agreement.
- NCH asked to be at today's meeting to review the agreement with the Commissioners, Tony declined due to the discussions that he wanted the Commission to have openly amongst themselves.
- It is a requirement for Commission and Council to pass this agreement; it will be presented to the public on June 10th.
- Multiple stages need to be approved. The plan for the garage won't take place for another 10-15 years; the buildings are currently being built.
- Commissioner Rothan – Is it the norm to take it to the public so late?
- Director Collins – There has been public involvement; NCH went to the public for feedback earlier in the process.
- Director Collins – This is significant because we are giving rights away to a public park. Paul Rakosky and Tony Collins have continued to review the agreement so the public still has access to the park.
- Michael Brown – Are we getting a quality park? We should get +1 back, not equal.

- Director Collins – Director Collins & Deputy Director Rakosky have to approve the plans and work, they will make sure we get a good park back.
- Director Collins - The plans show that we are losing green space; so what are we getting back? NCH green space adjacent will remain green space. The map was reviewed to show the 1/3 of an acre will be lost.
- Karla Rothan – What happens if we say no to this? Not that I disagree or would say no, I just want to know what the outcome would be.
- Director Collins – Discussion started years ago for NCH growth and expansion. There was a creation of 1,000+ jobs. What the city may say is there is an overall investment to the city. If this project doesn't take place at this NCH it could move to the suburbs; they will turn plans in another direction/location.
- Karla Rothan – I want us to be transparent with the citizens, I don't want it to appear that we are doing anything back door.
- Jeff McNealey – This project could be pushed.
- Mo Wright – Will the public have free access to the park?
- Access to the park will be free; parking will have to be paid for.
- \$1M grant was received.
- Mike Brown – Is the agreement from maintenance forever?
- Yes. The agreement includes capital improvements, mowing and daily trash pick-up.
- Dave Paul - The green space should be maintained the same as the other city parks. This should be part of the formal agreement.
- Director Collins – We could have property surface rights to the land.
- Rob Dorans – Is it possible to get an agreement for the date of completion? The language could be put into Section 5 for clarification.

Directors Review Update

- Commissioner Wright – The team will be meeting to outline the 2016 goals. The city Directors have a process with the Mayor's office, they will be reviewing what this process is and how it works.
- Jeff McNealey would like to have a strategic plan meeting in September.
- Karla Rothan – The team will be doing a retroactive review
- Commissioners Paul, Rothan and Wright will be meeting with Director Collins on June 9th to review CRPD 2016 goals.

New Business

Councilmember Page greeted the Commission and made remarks:

- Excited about the plans in the Recreation and Parks Department for 2016.
- Attended the COAAA open house; it was a great event.
- The National League of Cities Conference will be taking place in Columbus, July 20-23; CRPD will be represented by Director Collins and Asst. Director Brandon.

Brendan Kelley stood in for Kimber Perfect. Brendan introduced himself to the Commission; he is a new Legislative Advisor in the Legislative Affairs office.

CONSENT AGENDA - Commissioners were advised to review the consent agenda and to ask any questions they may have on any of the ordinances.

1. **Ord# 0861-2016 (Red, White & Boom 2016):** To authorize the Director of the Department of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Red, White & BOOM, Inc. for the purpose of planning, promoting and executing Red, White & BOOM! 2016; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$10,000.00 from the general fund, Neighborhood Initiatives sub fund; and to authorize an expenditure of \$15,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks operating fund. (\$25,000.00)
2. **Ord# 1494-2016 (Rally in the Alley – 2016 Alcohol Permit):** To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to grant consent to CD 102.5 to apply for permission to sell alcoholic beverages at a 2016 event; and to declare an emergency.
 - 1) CD 102.5 For the Kids for Rally in the Alley, June 16, July 14 and August 18.
3. **Ord# 1530-2016 (Concrete Improvements 2016):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with ProCon Professional Construction Services, Inc. for the removal and replacement of damaged concrete surfaces; to authorize the expenditure of \$61,000.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$61,000.00)
4. **Ord# 1533-2016 (Asphalt Improvements 2016):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Pavement Protectors dba M&D Blacktop Sealing for the removal and replacement of asphalt surfaces at various locations; to authorize the expenditure of \$687,500.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$687,500.00)
5. **Ord# 1534-2016 (Roof Renovations 2016):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Smith Roofing & Sheet Metal LLC for the removal and replacement of roofs at various locations; to authorize the expenditure of \$770,702.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$770,702.00)
6. **Ord# 1535-2016 (EAB Summer 2016):** To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into various contracts for the management of the Emerald Ash Borer infestation; to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into various contracts relating to the EAB management process for the Recreation and Parks Department; to establish an Auditor's Certificate in the amount of \$295,000.00; to authorize the expenditure of \$295,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$295,000.00)

On a motion made by Commissioner Brown, and seconded by Commissioner Paul the commission unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – COAAA ordinances were presented and voted on together. All other ordinances on the administrative agenda were presented together and voted on at one time.

Phil Rollins presented the COAAA legislation.

- COAAA has been administering PASSPORT for 32 years and it covers 8 counties.
 - There are 166 employees in COAAA and they serve over 5,800 people.
1. **Ord# 1381-2016 (COAAA 2016 PASSPORT Funding Appropriation):** To authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$59,360,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund to the Recreation and Parks Department to provide home care and assisted living services to older adults in connection with the Pre-Admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today (PASSPORT) Medicaid Waiver Program in Central Ohio; and to declare an emergency. (\$59,360,000.00)
 2. **Ord# 1382-2016 (COAAA 2016 PASSPORT & Assisted Living Contracts):** To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into various contracts for the provision of Pre-Admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today (PASSPORT) home care and assisted living services for older adults in Central Ohio; to authorize the expenditure of \$45,000,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$45,000,000.00)
 - a. There are currently 353 agencies under PASSPORT.
 3. **Ord# 1443-2016 (COAAA 2016 Building Management & Maintenance):** To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into the first year of a four-year contract with HER, LLC for property management and maintenance services for the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$370,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$370,000.00)
 - a. COAAA moved two months ago from downtown to their new location on S. High St.
 - b. The RFP process was done for a 4 year contract.
 - c. Commissioner Wright – What is the difference in costs in the new building as opposed to the last?
 - d. Phil Rollins – The cost is a lot more in the new COAAA building.
 - e. There was water damage that happened over Memorial Day weekend. There was an alarm received from the fire department.
 - f. The new bathroom was constructed incorrectly; storm water flooded a lot of the building.
 - g. The plumbers assumed responsibility; Serve Pro is currently doing the repairs.

On a motion made by Commissioner Paul, and seconded by Commissioner Wright the commission unanimously approved all COAAA ordinances presented.

4. **Ord# 1531-2016 (Wyandot Lodge):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with R.W. Setterlin Building Company for the construction of the new Wyandot Lodge at the McKnight Outdoor Education Center (formally Indian

Village); to authorize the expenditure of \$3,365,340.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$3,365,340.00)

- a. Wyandot Lodge was presented before for design, this is the contract piece.
 - b. This will be a brand new build; Net zero building.
 - c. Director Collins – This is popular location; there are a lot of requests for Indian Village from youth and adults.
 - d. The completion time is estimated at one year.
5. **Ord# 1532-2016 (Wilson Road Phase 2 Improvements):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Thomas & Marker Construction Company for improvements to Wilson Road Park; to authorize the expenditure of \$786,650.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$786,650.00)
 - a. \$120,000 is from Capital Improvement Project; NatureWorks Grant is covering \$534,000 and the Westside Community Development Fund will be donating.
 - b. Commissioner McNealey – Is there a bike hub being planned?
 - c. Mollie O'Donnell – Yes there is one in future plans.
 - d. Commissioner McNealey – Would like to consider scheduling a bike ride/tour in September.
 - e. Director Collins – There is a Mayor's bike ride currently being worked on.
6. **Ord# 1537-2016 (Camp Chase – Grant Acceptance):** To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the construction of the Camp Chase Rail Trail - Sullivant Avenue to Georgesville Road. In March of 2016 the department was awarded grant funding for this project from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Clean Ohio Trails Fund in the amount of \$430,000.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$430,000.00)
7. **Ord# 1536-2016 (Clover Groff Stream Restoration – Phase 3):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Metropolitan Environmental Services, Inc. for the Clover Groff Stream Restoration Phase 3; to authorize the expenditure of \$1,648,706.80; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,648,706.80)
 - a. Mollie O'Donnell reviewed Phase 1 & 2 of this plan.
 - b. Maps of all 3 projects will be sent out later.
 - c. Commissioner Wright stated that he'd like to see the bidders listed on the commission agendas like they used to be.

On a motion made by Commissioner Wright, and seconded by Commissioner Brown the commission unanimously approved all ordinances/projects presented for the Administration Division.

PARKS & OPERATIONS AGENDA – No legislation to vote on.

RECREATION AND PROGRAM SERVICES – Steve Aumiller presented the following ordinances together and they were voted on at one time:

1. **Ord# 1490-2016 (Alkebulan Inc. – 2016 Alcohol Permit):** To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to grant consent to various organizations to apply for permission to sell alcoholic beverages at festivals and events during 2016; and to declare an emergency.
 - 1) Alkebulan Inc. for the Juneteenth Ohio Festival, June 18-19.
 - 2) Alkebulan Inc. for the Soul Food Music Festival, September 4.
 - a. Director Collins – Originally there was no request for a liquor permit.
 - b. Commissioner McNealey – Requested that Director Collins brief the commission on the issues with the Juneteenth festival prior to voting on this ordinance.
 - c. Director Collins – In 2015 the Juneteenth festival wasn't successful due to rain, this caused an issue with the monies they thought they were going to bring in.
 - d. The festival organizer owed the Columbus Police Department \$21,000.00 from the 2015 festival.
 - e. In April of this year the location and days were changed and the organizer wanted to hire private security; this request was denied.
 - f. May 10th there was a meeting with the organizer explaining why his permits for the festival were being denied. The police officers were likely not to sign up due to non-payment from the previous year; the deadline for sign ups was June 3rd.
 - g. By June 3rd no police had signed up to work the festival; June 6th the organizer attended the Council meeting where he was advised again that the event could not take place.
 - h. Commissioner Brown – FOP is a regional call. Can anyone sign up after the CPD says no?
 - i. Commissioner Rothan – Was CPD the only entity/vendor not paid?
 - j. Director Collins – I'm uncertain of any other unpaid bills.
 - k. Commissioner McNealey – Due to the issues with Juneteenth and it being denied for permits the conversation/vote is moot. I would like to deny Juneteenth and approve the September event.
 - l. Commissioner Paul – Is it possible to note that it is the same promoter for both events? Are the police willing to sign up for the September event?
 - m. Director Collins – I would like to be fair and stick the procedures that we are to follow; voting on the ordinances presented before us.

On a motion made by Commissioner Brown, and seconded by Commissioner Rothan the commission with a majority vote approved ordinance 1490-2016. Commissioner Brown voted no on this ordinance.

YOUTH & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT – No legislation to vote on.

Director's Comments

- Douglas Community Center opening was a great event, the community seems excited
- Linden mini pitch dedication with the Columbus Crew went well
- Trip to Indianapolis – Notes were made on how to make our department better; next trip will probably be to Cleveland or Pittsburgh
- P.L.A.Y golf outing raised over \$60,000.00
- Director would like to partner with OSU and their “Pay it Forward” program.
- Announcement of Jean Winters retirement
- Bond Package meeting scheduled for mid-June
- Cap City Nights festivals have started, please attend if you’re able to
- CRPD is helping to sponsor River Fest this year
- Mollie O’Donnell gave updates on the Alum Creek bridge
- Please go by Driving Park Community Center and see the progress taking place with the construction
- Celebrate One kick-off in Linden, Near South and West side
- Summer staff meeting is taking place today; Director Collins will be going to greet the staff
- Kick off for the summer food program is on Tuesday; certain sites are already serving food
- There are issues with the construction of the pool at Driving Park; dewatering
- Reviewed The Trust for Public Land 2016 ParkScore Index; they are not including metro and city parks together
- Commissioner McNealey – It seems as if certain parks were not included, the scores used to be in the 40’s we took a tumble to the 60’s
- Director Collins - Numbers are based on density; I plan to have a conversation on how these numbers are calculated

Commission Comments

- Commissioner McNealey made a call for the commission to be at the openings taking place within the department
- Great speech at the South opening
- Commissioners should be strategic in participating; embrace one passion and participate
 - McNealey – trees
 - Paul – seniors
 - Rothan – arts
 - Wright – community outreach & engagement
- Commissioner Brown – Experience Columbus will be applying for Festival City USA, combined with the city
- Commissioner McNealey – Please confirm your attendance for these meetings

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

There was a motion made by Commissioner Paul and seconded by Commissioner Brown.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:49a.m.

Jeffrey McNealy, President

Tony A. Collins, Director